

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Application for Commercial Fishing Guide

License for the Year _____

See Current Fee Sheet for License Type and Fee Amount

Type of License (Check one)						
<input type="checkbox"/> SALMON		<input type="checkbox"/> GAMEFISH				
License Owner(s) ID#						
Last Name		First Name			Initial	
Permanent Street Address						
Mailing Address						
City		State			Zip	
Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height	
Permanent Phone						
SSN or UBI # (required)						
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in any other state. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.						
Signature of Owner				Date		
Signed at (Place) _____						
Vessel Designation						

Current state registration indicating commercial use must accompany application when vessel use is indicated for vessels not previously designated.

(1) Vessel Information						
State or Document Number				Vessel Owner's P#		
Vessel Owner Name				WDFW Registration #		
Address				Phone Number		
Length	Beam	Eng Type	H/P	LORAN	YES	NO
				RADAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				FATHOMETER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Department Use Only	
License Number	Card #
License Type	Payment Receipt
Resident	
Non-Resident	
Total Fee	
Amount Received	

Additional Vessel Designation						
(2) Vessel Information						
State Registration Number				Vessel Owner's P#		
Vessel Owner Name				WDFW Registration #		
Address				Phone Number		
Length	Beam	Eng Type	H/P	LORAN	YES	NO
				RADAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				FATHOMETER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Vessel Information						
State Registration Number				Vessel Owner's P#		
Vessel Owner Name				WDFW Registration #		
Address				Phone Number		
Length	Beam	Eng Type	H/P	LORAN	YES	NO
				RADAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				FATHOMETER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Vessel Information						
State Registration Number				Vessel Owner's P#		
Vessel Owner Name				WDFW Registration #		
Address				Phone Number		
Length	Beam	Eng Type	H/P	LORAN	YES	NO
				RADAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				FATHOMETER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make fees payable to State Treasurer
License will expire December 31st of Issuance Year

Mail Applications Directly to:
 Department of Fish and Wildlife
 License Division
 600 Capitol Way N
 Olympia WA 98501-1091

Office Location:
 1111 Washington St. S.E. Olympia WA
 Phone Number: (360) 902-2464 *TDD (360) 902-2207
 Fax (360) 902-2945

This is a public document. Please be advised that the information submitted may be shared with other government agencies.

RCW 75.28.710 Professional salmon guide license. (Effective January 1, 1994.)

(1) It is unlawful to offer or perform the services of a professional salmon guide in the taking of salmon for personal use in freshwater rivers and streams, other than in that part of the Columbia river below the bridge at Longview, without a professional salmon guide license.

(2) Only an individual at least sixteen years of age may hold a professional salmon guide license. No individual may hold more than one professional salmon guide license. [1993 c 340 § 26; 1991 c 362 § 2.]

RCW 77.32.211 Taxidermist, fur dealer, fishing guide, game farmer, anadromous game fish buyer-Licenses-Fish stocking and game contest permits.

(1) A taxidermy license allows the holder to practice taxidermy for profit. The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars.

(2) A fur dealer's license allows the holder to purchase, receive, or resell raw furs for profit. The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars.

(3) A fishing guide license allows the holder to offer or perform the services of a professional guide in the taking of game fish. The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars for a resident and six hundred dollars for a nonresident.

Notification Clause

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife receives federal financial assistance through the federal aid in fish and wildlife restoration acts. Any person who believes they have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or handicapping condition in a program, activity, or facility operated by the department, should write to: USFWS, Department of Interior, 18th & C Streets NW, Washington DC 20241. The complaint must include your name, address, phone number, date of incident, and reason you believe you have been discriminated against.

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OFFICE LOCATION
1111 Washington St. SE
Olympia, WA
(360) 902-2464

COUNTER HOURS
Monday-Friday
(excluding legal holidays)
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Olympia, WA 98501-1091
FAX (360) 902-2945

RECORDING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

RCW 26.23.150: "Recording of social security numbers - Federal requirement - Restricted disclosure. In order to assist in child support enforcement as required by federal law, all applicants for an original, replacement or renewed of a professional license, driver's license, occupational license or recreational license must furnish the licensing agency with the applicants social security number which will be recorded on the application. The licensing agencies collecting social security numbers shall not display the social security number on the license document. social security numbers collected by licensing agencies shall not be disclosed except as required by state or federal law or RCW 26.23.

For additional questions about state child support requirements please call DSHS, Division of Child Support at 1-800-457-6202.

*****NEW PHONE NUMBERS*****

We are changing our contact numbers, please use the new phone and fax numbers listed above when contacting our office.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Application for commercial fishery/specialized licenses must be completed in full including the type of license being applied for. Signatures of license owners and social security numbers or taxpayer identification numbers are required. Incomplete applications will not be processed until all license criteria/qualifications are met. Applications submitted in the name of a corporation must provide a copy of those portions of the corporation papers that show the state seal, the corporation name, and a list of the current corporate officers. Only those individuals listed as corporate officers will have authority to sign for license renewals.

REGULATIONS AND SEASONS

It is your responsibility as a member of the fishing/wildlife industry to know what regulations are applicable to that segment of the industry in which you are engaged. For information on regulations or seasons. Call the Hotline at (360) 902-2500 or (360) 902-2936.

FISHERY LICENSE CARDS

Fishery license cards must be carried on the designated vessel while fishing. All commercial/charter fishing vessels must have a designated operator present. A license for an alternate operator may be obtained upon receipt of application and fee. Only those operators designated on the commercial fishery license card may sell catch to a licensed wholesale dealer. Commercial fishery license cards must be presented to the wholesale dealer/fish buyer when you sell your product. All operators, including the primary operator, are required to possess an operator license. Alternate operators must complete an alternate operator application and return it along with the appropriate fee to the Department for processing. Primary operators will be issued a complimentary operator license when the fishery license is issued. Only the license owner may be designated as the primary operator. A primary operator card does not allow that person to be designated as an alternate operator on a license which they do not own. That person is required to purchase an alternate operator license.

Vessel Designation Decals

If a vessel is designated on more than one fishery license, only one set of designated decals will be issued for the vessel. Decals should be mounted on a CLEAN surface directly on each forward side of the vessel.

Sale of Product

In order to sell your catch to any person other than a licensed wholesale dealer/fisher buyer, you must be licensed as a wholesale dealer yourself and complete the proper fish receiving ticket before offering your catch for sale.

Requirement of 10 Inch Numbers

According to Washington Administrative Code 220-20-051, every vessel designated to participate in a commercial fishery or to deliver food fish and shellfish must have the official Coast Guard documentation number or complete state registration number permanently displayed in ten inch (10") tall numbers, or letters and numbers, of proportionate width, clearly visible from each side of the vessel. It is unlawful to participate in a commercial fishery or deliver food fish or shellfish without having such numbers displayed.

Examples: Coast Guard Document Number 123 321
 State Registration Numbers WN 000 XX

NOTE: This requirement does not apply to salmon guides, salmon charter, fishing guide (game fish), or non-transferable emergency salmon delivery licenses.

Evidence of Vessel Ownership

Each commercially licensed fishing vessel must have a copy of its state vessel registration or Coast Guard documentation papers showing that the vessel is used for commercial fishing on file with this office. No initial license issuance or vessel designation change will be processed without current documentation. Please check the expiration date on the papers of the vessel designated on the license. The state registration or Coast Guard documentation papers' expiration date must be beyond the date you are applying for the change.

License Ownership Transfers

Commercial fishing licenses are non-transferrable unless specified by Washington Law. Moratorium licenses vary in transfer rights. Call the License Division at (360) 902-2464 for assistance and transfer application.

Limited Entry Fishery Licenses

The following licenses have qualifying criteria in accordance with moratoria legislation: salmon fishery, salmon charter, sea urchin dive, sea cucumber dive, Dungeness Crab - Puget Sound, Puget Sound whiting, herring, ocean pink shrimp, and Dungeness Crab - Coastal. Contact our license specialists for further information.